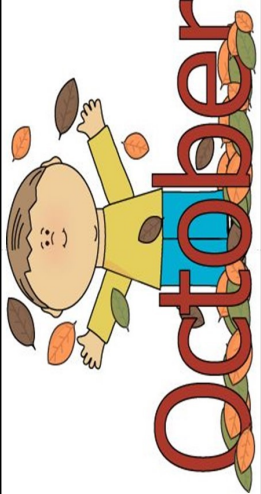









Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunday Schedule 8:30 am-Praise Band Rehearsal 9:00 am-Group Prayer Time 9:30 am-Sunday School 10:50 am-Morning Worship 5:00 pm-Evening Worship 5:00 pm-ConnectKids Choir 6:00 pm-Discipleship Classes @ church Youth @ FBCCC						
8:00 am  4:00 pm Hensley's Service	10:00 am Staff Meeting  6:30-8:30 pm Revival Visitation meet at the church	10:00 am Sr. Adult Choir Baptist Village  6:30 pm Revive Prayer Meeting Paul & Deidre O'Brian's home 18770 E 1230 Rd	6:00-7:00 pm Pastor's Class 19 Ministry  6:00-7:30 pm ConnectKids @ FBC Collide @ FBCCC 7:30 pm Worship Choir Rehearsal	6:30 pm Revive Prayer Meeting Westin & Mikah Woodruff's home 620 E Benton  6:30-9:00 pm Celebrate Recovery meet at FBC		
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Here is another short lesson from James:

*"My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials"*

**James 1:2**

The key word in this verse is "joy". Let me be sure you understand the word joy. Joy does not mean that you walk around always smiling no matter what is going on around you. Joy is being assured that no matter what is going on in your life if you have Jesus as your Savior the end result will be eternity with God in Heaven. You see joy is often sad. Joy grieves when it experiences losses. Joy is angry when it sees the wrongs of this world. Joy might even be moved to tears when it faces trials, but joy knows the end result will be Heaven.

Joy is God-oriented rather than event-oriented because it centers on God and his presence in our lives and experiences. Now verse 2 says to count it pure joy when?

**"...when you face trials..."**

Let me make a point of how James puts this: **It is not if you face trials, it is when you face trials.**

We will all face trials in life as we live in a fallen world. The word used here for trials is not inward temptations but rather the normal things that life brings about. It is illness or loss of life. It could be losing a job or getting something stolen. Job faced many trials but none of these trials were temptations to sin. **His reaction to these trials** kept him from sin. When you and I face trials, the way we respond will tell us a great deal about our spiritual condition.

So beloved, let me ask you this question: **How are you responding to the trials of life?** Is God honored through you because you know in the end Heaven will be your final destination, or do you choose to respond in a sinful manner showing no faith in your trials?

**Here is a final thought to consider for verse 2:** "God does not allow us to face trials in order for Him to see how far along in our spiritual walk we are, but rather they are for us to see how far along in our spiritual walk we are."

How do you respond to the trials of life?

*Pete*



## Alan's Notes



If you have ever had your computer crash, your tablet tank or your phone fail, then you have felt like the guy in this picture and you have a whole new level of appreciation for things like back-ups,

redundant drives and mirrored data. Recently we along with several hundred other users experienced what happens when a cloud data server fails and the data it was hosting failed to back up properly. We have basically had to go back and rebuild our website from the ground up.

Of the items we lost, the ones we miss the most are our Prayer text list and our Newsletter mailing list. These lists were hosted on the web server and are lost to us forever. Like the "\$6 million Dollar Man," we can rebuild better stronger and faster than before. However, we need your help. If you wish to receive the newsletter emailed to you and/or be join the prayer text group, you can do it in one of two ways. You can go to our website (Now new and improved) and enter the information in the list registration tool that we have posted next to the "welcome message." The other means we are going to use is to provide a form in Sunday's bulletin for you to fill out and let US enter the information.

In many ways, the problem we experienced is a blessing in disguise. It has forced us to look at our web site and make a few modifications to make it easier to use. By the way, you can also go to the newsletter link on the sight and read this newsletter as soon as it is posted. As always, if you have questions or suggestions, you can contact me.

Blessings, *Brother Alan*

## Stefan's Thoughts

HOPE. Hope is a very important word to those who are followers of Jesus Christ because it is directly connected to the foundation of our faith. Let me ask you a couple of questions, are you a "glass half empty" or a "glass half full" kind of person? Would others close to you consider you to be more pessimistic or more of an optimistic person? I believe that hope placed in the person of Jesus Christ has a profound impact on our daily lives.

*"Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Hebrews 11:1*

In Dr. Caroline Leaf's book *Switch On Your Brain: The Key to PEAK HAPPINESS, THINKING, and HEALTH*, she links a science concept to Hebrews 11:1, *"Thoughts are real, physical things that occupy mental real estate. Moment by moment, every day, you are changing the structure of your brain through your thinking. When we hope, it is an activity of the mind that changes the structure of our brain in a positive and normal direction."*

In a world that is constantly bombarding us with news on the television, in our social media feeds, and other media outlets it's no wonder why anxiety, depression, and panic attacks are on the rise and the state of our mental health is declining at an alarming rate. Our schedules are so full of stuff that often times we don't know if we are coming or going. Is this hitting home for anyone else or is it just me?

The holiday season is drawing near and with that, it often brings thoughts of joy as many of us take time to gather with friends and family; but for others the holiday season brings about other thoughts. Thoughts that allow anxiety and depression to crowd in due to a financial strain, the loss of loved ones, or because they simply feel alone. No matter what the thoughts or reasonings are, the bottom line is people are hurting maybe more today than ever before.

So how do we as Christ followers battle against such a giant? I believe the answer is found in God's word. I know that sounds pretty simplistic, but I believe and know to be true that God's word is powerful and full of wisdom and treasures for our daily lives. I am reminded that God's word is how we renew our minds. When we find ourselves stressed out, under pressure, and depressing thoughts try to enter and crowd our minds, we must turn to the powerful word of God. Romans 12:2 says, *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our mind."* What is your mind focused on these days? Maybe you need to turn to the life changing word of God and spend some time visiting with our loving Lord. Set your mind on things above brothers and sisters!

Shine Bright! *BROTHER STEFAN*

happy birthday i thank God for you	Vickie Copeland .....	October 03
	Heather Cutter .....	04
	Shaden Foresman .....	05
	Kolee Barnes .....	06
	Bonnie Lowry .....	07
	David Richmond .....	07
	Bella Silk .....	07
	Raine Rippetoe .....	08

## Church News

September 26, 2021

101	Sunday School	122
88	Life Groups	128

### CONTRIBUTIONS

General Fund	\$8,943.00
Birthday & Anniversary	0.00
Edna McMillan State Offering	575.00
Des: Celebrate Recovery	5.00
Des: Women's Ministry	100.00
TOTAL	\$9,623.00

### YEAR TO DATE

Required for budget to date	\$380,760.00
Given for budget to date	\$348,790.71
Other	39,574.18
TOTAL	\$388,364.89

Our Church Goal  
\$2,500.00



EDNA MCMILLAN

State Missions  
Offering

100% of your gift advances the Gospel in Oklahoma.

Received to  
date  
\$2,162.00

Thank you God  
for the gift of  
educators,  
who truly care  
about our kids.



**Why yes! We still have names of school teachers who have requested someone to pray for them this year.**

Of course, we need to pray for all teachers, but we have specific names of teachers who requested someone to pray for them this year. What a wonderful opportunity to see God at work in our teachers, school and community. See Jerri (729-1503) for a name or two that you can take to God in prayer. Also, if you would like to send a note to the teachers you are praying for, put the note/ card in an envelope with the teacher's name on the front and Jerri will deliver it to the school for you :)

## Sunday Servants

OCTOBER 03, 2021

USHER

Bryan Jackson, Joe Kiener, E.T. Lakey, Eddie Lakey  
Bill Shannon, Mason Tucker, Mason Valdez, Cody Varnell

NURSERY WORKERS

Staci Wilson

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TEAM

Michelle Anderson / Kagen Macumber

MEDIA TEAM

Todd Haseloff, Mikah Woodruff, Brandan Wilson

DEACONS ON CALL

Wes Fish.....580.309.2691  
Brad Spitzer.....580.729.4608

## Weekly Calendar

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 03, 2021

8:00 P.M. .... Men's Breakfast in Fellowship Hall  
8:30 A.M. .... Praise Band Rehearsal  
9:30 A.M. .... Sunday School  
10:50 A.M. .... Morning Worship with Bro. Pete  
4:00 P.M. .... Hensley's Nursing Home Service  
5:00 P.M. .... Evening Worship with Bro. Pete  
..... ConnectKids Choir  
6:00-7:30 P.M. .... Ladies Bible Study  
..... Collide @ FBCCC

MONDAY, OCTOBER 04, 2021

6:00 A.M. .... Men's Prayer Time  
10:00 A.M. .... Staff Meeting  
6:30-8:30 P.M. .... Revival Visitation meet at FBC

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 05, 2021

10:00 A.M. .... Senior Adult Choir-Baptist Village  
6:30 P.M. .... Revive Prayer Meeting @ Paul & Deidre O'Briant  
..... 18770 E 1230 Rd

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 06, 2021

6:00-7:00P.M. .... Pastor's Class  
..... 19 Ministry  
6:00-7:30 P.M. .... ConnectKids  
..... Collide @ FBCCC  
7:30 P.M. .... Worship Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 07, 2021

6:30 P.M. .... Revive Prayer Meeting  
..... Westin & Mikah Woodruff @ 620 E Benton  
6:30-9:00 P.M. .... Celebrate Recovery @ FBC

